

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 10-13 and 21-28 were pending in this application when last examined.

Claims 21-27 were examined on the merits and stand rejected.

Claims 10-13 and 28 were allowed.

Claims 21-27 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer thereto. Applicants reserve the right to file a Continuation or Divisional Application on any cancelled subject matter.

No new matter has been added.

In item 3 on pages 2-4 of the Office Action, claims 21-27 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph.

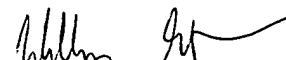
Claims 21-27 are cancelled and therefore this rejection is moot.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and early notice to that effect is hereby requested.

If the Examiner has any comments or proposals for expediting prosecution, please contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number below.

Respectfully submitted,

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